

## GOVERNOR FIFER, OF ILLINOIS.

Sketch of the Republican Standard Bearer in the Approaching Campaign.

A man who has literally "carved fame out of fortune," is Governor Joseph W. Fifer, who has been renominated by the Republicans of Illinois. Governor Fifer's parents were Germans. His father eked out an existence as a bricklayer in Staunton, Va., where the present chief executive of Illinois was born. When Joseph was still very young his parents removed to Missouri, where his mother died. Soon after the family returned to Virginia, but work being dull, the Fifers once more set out for the west, this time locating in McLean county, Illinois, where they established a small brickyard. But the world did not prosper them, and when the war broke out Joseph and his brother went to Bloomington, where they enlisted. "Private Joe" was severely wounded near Jackson, Miss., and was taken to Bloomington to die, but he recovered and returned to the army, serving even beyond the term of his enlistment.



JOSEPH W. FIFER.

After the war the young soldier, who had long before determined to become a lawyer, set about preparing himself for admission to the bar. After a series of trials and disappointments which would have sufficed to discourage many a stout hearted man, "Private Joe" began the practice of law in Bloomington in 1869, became corporation counsel in 1872, state attorney a year later, and after having enjoyed a lucrative practice in the meantime, was sent to the state senate in 1884. In 1884 a pension discussion with General Black, and the accidental application of the sobriquet, "Private Joe," served to call the attention of the Republicans of Illinois to his availability as a gubernatorial candidate. He was nominated and elected. He is married and has two children—a son and a daughter.

## The Celebration at Madrid.

Madrid, Spain, is to have an elaborate Columbus celebration, and preparations for the important event are going forward rapidly. The citizens of Madrid appear to have entered enthusiastically into the spirit of the thing, and the celebration, which will be notable in more than one respect, is certain to be attended with great success. A correspondent of the London Daily News, writing from Madrid, says that the new hall for the reception of the visitors from America, and for the proceedings connected with the commemoration, will be inaugurated shortly with grand ceremony in the presence of the queen regent, the members of the royal family, the ministers, deputations from the senate and chamber of deputies, representatives of the principal learned and scientific bodies in Spain, and over 20 distinguished Americanists, the whole assemblage being united in the single desire to cement the friendship existing between people of the Old and New Worlds.

The fetes will be of a manifold character. There will be exhibitions of arts and antiquities, and of agricultural and industrial implements and machinery, imposing spectacles and pageants of the Middle Ages, a great international horse show and entertainments of various kinds. The members of the committee of management held a meeting recently to prepare the final programme. Among the objects of especial interest which will be exhibited will be facsimile reproductions of the first map of America, elaborated by Juan de la Cosa and presented to the Spanish sovereign in the year 1500, after the voyage of La Cosa with Columbus in 1492 and 1493. La Cosa acted as pilot to Columbus and other great navigators. This remarkable chart is being prepared by Professor Teyssier and Senor Canovas Valles, the nephew of the prime minister, to whom the work is to be dedicated.

## A Magnificent Ring.

When Father McDonnell was recently made bishop of the diocese of Brooklyn he was presented with a magnificent ring by a gentleman, who intended the gift as a tribute to the memory of his deceased son. The ring's center is a large amethyst from the Ural mountains. Around it are sixteen half carat brilliants. The crown of this ring is in the shape adopted by the church for its episcopal seal, a form suggested by the paces (fish). The shank is chased in high relief, picturing on one side Murillo's "Virgin of the Immaculate Conception," the patron saint of Brooklyn. The model of the virgin in this representation is the woman of Apocalypse in a robe of white, her hands crossed on her breast and her feet resting on the crescent, the symbol of purity. On the other side is the patron saint of Bishop McDonnell, St. Charles Borromeo, robed in the vestments of a priest. The pictures are garlanded with ivy and violets, suggestive of purity and constancy. The ring is a sign of the spiritual alliance that exists between the bishop and his church. It is like the seal of their contract. He wears it on the forefinger of his right hand, according to the custom of the Hebrews, because this is the finger that indicates silence.

## Twenty of German History.

The history of the German empire is being fully told by its founders. After Von Moltke's stirring pages of contemporary annals in his correspondence another chapter is to be added by the letters and reminiscences of the staunch old war minister, Von Roon, which will be published in Berlin at an early day.

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